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SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER

1. FOUR COMMUNIST 107MM ROCKETS STRUCK THE NORTHERN SECTION OF PHNOM PENH AGAIN FRIDAY MORNING KILLING ONE PERSON AND WOUNDING SIX.

2. SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, COMMUNIST FORCES THURSDAY CUT NATIONAL HIGHWAY 1 ABOUT 8 KILOMETERS EAST OF DEY ETH. FANK FORCES REACTED QUICKLY AND BY NIGHTFALL THE AREA OF ROAD INTERDICTION HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 600 METERS. FANK LOSSES WERE LIGHT IN THE ACTION WHILE COMMUNIST CASUALTIES ARE NOT KNOWN. THE COMMUNISTS ABDUCTED 15 CIVILIAN OCCUPANTS OF TWO TAXIS AND THEN BURNED THE VEHICLES. OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING FRIDAY TO CLEAR THE HIGHWAY.

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3. ON ROUTE 5 NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, GOVERNMENT TROOPS

ATTACKING ON THE WEST FLANK REPULSED A COMMUNIST COUNTER-ATTACK IN WHICH THE ENEMY LOST 18 SOLDIERS KILLED. FANK LOSSES WERE TWO KILLED AND 10 WOUNDED. AT LOVEK, A GOVERNMENT PUSH TOWARDS THE EAST GAINED A FEW HUNDRED METERS THURSDAY AND THE OPERATION CONTINUES TODAY. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT WHILE COMMUNIST LOSSES ARE NOT KNOWN.

4. COMMUNIST PRESSURE AGAINST THE GARRISONS OF KOMPONG SEILA AND DAS KANCHOR CONTINUED THURSDAY WITH SHELLING ATTACKS AGAINST BOTH POSITIONS. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT TO MODERATE. AND A GOVERNMENT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION THURSDAY SOUTHEAST OF BANAM IN THE NEAK LUONG AREA MADE CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST FORCES KILLING SEVEN OF THE ENEMY AND CAPTURING SEVERAL WEAPONS. FANK LOST ONE SOLDIER KILLED.

5. SCATTERED CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST FORCES WERE REPORTED FROM KOMPONG CHAM, PREY VENG, SVAY RIENG, KAMPOT, NORTH OF KOMPONG SOM, KOMPONG CHHNANG, O SANDAM, NORTHWEST OF BATTAMBANG, SIEMREAP ANGKOR AND KOMPONG THOM. CASUALTIES FROM THESE CONTACTS WERE LIGHT ON BOTH SIDES.

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